

# Splish, Splash and Swim

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Our aquatics center provides you with a great place to learn to swim, enjoy time with family and friends, increase your fitness endurance and workout opportunities within a close proximity to home. The Center staff is highly trained and certified lifeguards are on duty at all times. We are located adjacent to the Brookline High School Campus, and are near both Route 9 (Boylston Street) and Washington Street. We are one block away from the MBTA's Brookline Hills stop on the Green Line (D). Please note: parking in the immediate area may be limited at times.

## AMENITIES:

The Aquatics Center features a six lane, 25 yard lap pool, a shallow water (three to four feet deep) lesson pool, a 12 foot deep diving well with two 1-meter diving boards, men's and women's locker rooms equipped with swimsuit dryers, a family changing room and a portable handicap accessible lift. Copper ionization and a UV system are used to treat the pool water, which is kept between 80-81 degrees in the lap pool and diving well, and 85-86 degrees in the lesson pool. Both the lap and lesson pools have a gradual-step entry. The men's and women's locker rooms as well as the Family Changing Room, have handicapped-accessible showers.

For the most up to date monthly schedule, visit us at [www.brooklinerec.com](http://www.brooklinerec.com)

**Early Bird Lap Swim-** For adult (age 18 and older) use of the lap pool for continuous swimming.

**Lap Swim -** For public use of the lap pool for continuous swimming. Up to 6 lanes may be open.

**Open Swim -** For patrons of all ages to enjoy the entire facility for unstructured recreational activities unless there is a scheduled activity prohibiting the use of one of the pools.

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

A variety of fun pursuits for all ages; holiday and "early-release" day programs; unique pool equipment demonstrations and trials; and much, much more!

## INSTRUCTION:

Swim lessons are offered year round, beginning from the age of 6 months to seniors. Following the American Red Cross Swim curriculum, our lessons provide the opportunity to progress from beginner to the master swimmer. Classes are designed with a low student: teacher ratio and may take place in one of the three pools. Additionally, our staff are available for private lesson instruction which is available during open swim hours.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Classes are offered year round to provide opportunities to build endurance, flexibility and strength. Classes include aqua- aerobics, jogging, zumba® and masters swim team.

## CERTIFICATIONS:

Lifeguard Training, Lifeguard Instructor, Water Safety Instructor and CPR/Pro Rescuer & First Aid are available.

## SWIM TEAM:

The Dolphins swim team is a great way for children to participate in a team atmosphere, build their swim skills and make new friends. This team has a preseason evaluation to determine if the child is ready for a team placement. Once on the team, practices are held October - March, and swim meets are held on weekends throughout the winter months.



## Pools

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### LESSON POOL

The lesson pool maintains a comfortable water temperature of 85-86°. The pool is shallow water with a depth of three to four feet. This provides the perfect setting for instruction, therapy, aqua exercise and open swim. During open swim, a basketball hoop, noodles and kickboards are available for use.

A Deep End Test is required for patrons who wish to use the lap and diving pools. In order to pass this deep end test, swimmers must be able to swim half the length of the lap pool on their front (face in water, rhythmic breathing, no doggy paddle), roll onto their back to complete the second half of the length doing the back stroke and then tread water for 30 seconds. Once the deep end test is complete and the swimmer has passed, a deep end bracelet is given to the swimmer. The swimmer's name is recorded in the Deep End Test log book. The test may be taken during open swim.



### LAP POOL

The six lane, 25 yard lap pool maintains a water temperature of 80-81°. The lap pool is a great place for patrons to work out, improve your swim skills, participate on a swim team or just a casual swim. Swimming is continuous and swimmers should circle swim when sharing lanes during peak hours.



### DIVING WELL

The 12' deep diving well maintains a water temperature of 80-81° and is equipped with two 1-meter diving boards. During open swim the diving well provides the opportunity for patrons to jump and dive into the deep water. Programs held in this pool include aqua jogging, diving lessons and swim team trainings.

## GENERAL RULES

The Aquatics Center takes great pride in the health and safety of all our patrons. The Center rules provide all patrons with a safe, healthy and well maintained facility to enjoy. Please note the following as well as those posted on site at the Aquatics Center:

Per the Board of Health, all swimmers must:

- Take a cleansing soap shower before entering the pool
- Wear an appropriate bathing suit; no cut-off shorts, no sweat shorts, no workout clothes or undergarments
- Wear a bathing cap if they have shoulder-length or longer hair when wet
- All children not yet toilet-trained must wear a swim-diaper under rubber pants.
- Patrons with an open sore, virus, cold or any communicable disease must stay out of the water.
- All children aged 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult/care-giver at all times.

All visitors who are not entering the pool may observe from the pool gallery.

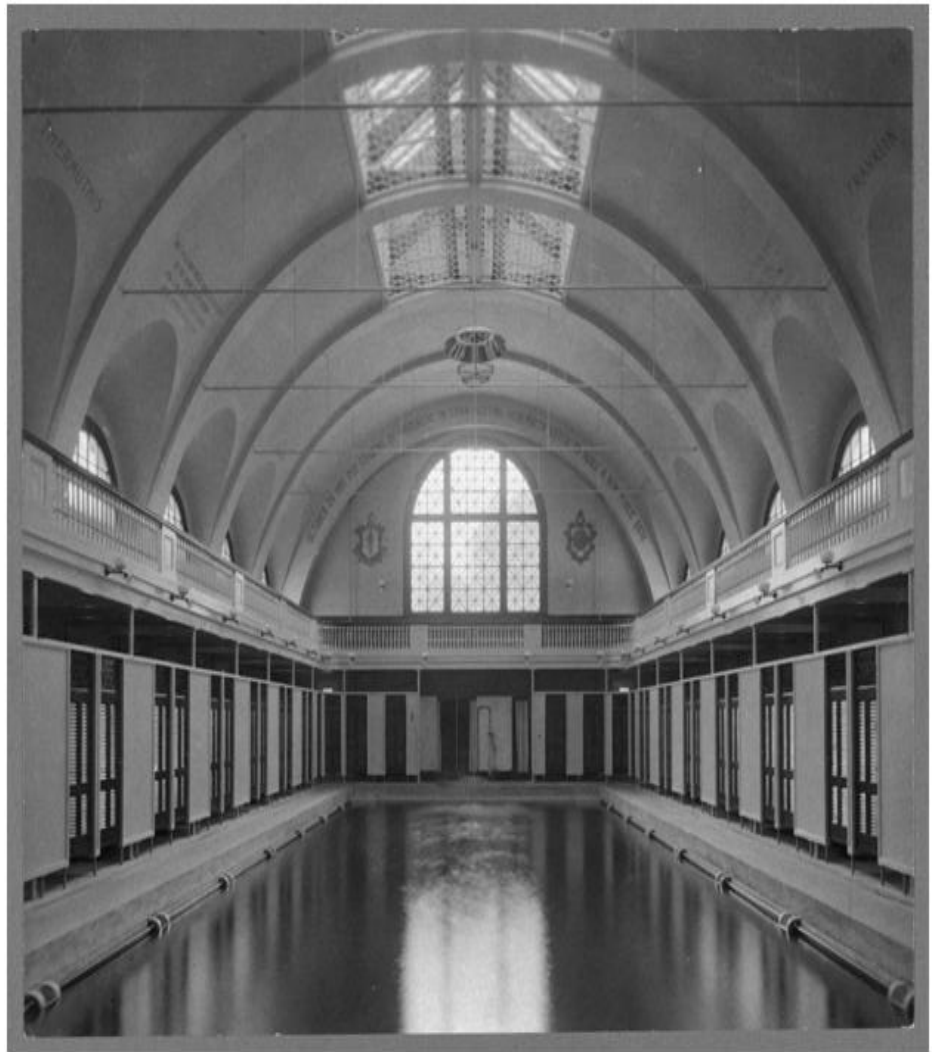
Patrons may use only equipment and toys provided by The Center.



## SITE HISTORY

In 1883, the Town accepted the public statutes on public baths and at that year's Town Meeting appropriated \$3000 to erect and maintain a bathhouse which was opened in July of the following year on the north side of the Boylston Street School lot (now the Boylston Playground) next to what was then an open brook. The brook channel was deepened to make a swimming tank and the house itself was a modest structure built by the Town mechanics. During the first summer 3,800 baths were taken by the men and boys of the Town.

In 1887, an appropriation was made for plans and estimates for a new building. By 1895, this first bathhouse was found to be no longer adequate. \$25,000 was appropriated for a new building in 1896. The Selectmen appointed a Committee of 9 to oversee the care and management of the new facility. Town Meeting accepted a report to build a new bathhouse with two indoor tanks. Architect F. Joseph Untersee was chosen to design the new building which stood where the swimming pool now stands. The new building opened January 1, 1897 for citizens to inspect the appointments. The new bathhouse contained rain baths, tubs, a tank eighty feet by twenty-six which was lined with English white glazed brick, another tank twenty-two feet by ten feet, about fifty dressing rooms, a gallery, and a small laundry for towels and



suits. The floor of the large pool had mosaic tiling and there were marble steps at each end. The interior had lettering on the walls including the vote of Town Meeting establishing the bath house, quotations from poets, and the names of famous swimmers, including, Ulysses, Leander, Charlemagne, Nicolo of Cola, and Franklin. There was an exhibition of swimming exercises and polo. It is said to have been the first municipally operated indoor bathhouse/pool in the United States. Untersee designed renovations in 1899 in which three rooms were added, including a hair drying room for the women. The marble steps were removed in 1903 for safety reasons. The newly founded swimming club increased its membership and gave several exhibitions at the bathhouse. By 1916, \$15,600 was spent to renovate and improve the operation. Showerbaths were added in 1922. In 1929, free instructions in swimming and life saving were given. In 1949, a water pageant was held with the setting a Cape Cod fishing wharf. A group of anglers started a bait casting club which met on Thursday evenings from 9-10P.

The new swimming pool was constructed in 1956 after the designs of Anderson, Beckwith and Haible. Dedicated in June of 1958, the pool hosted its first meet on July 4th.

## RENTALS

The Center is available for private rentals. This is the perfect place for celebrating your special occasion. The facility is also available for swim team practice and swim meets, and other activities such as triathlon training, kayaking, canoeing, SCUBA, etc. Rental hours are available weekday mornings and evenings and weekend afternoons and evenings.

Renter agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, the Town, its agents, servants and employees, from all loss, cost and expense arising out of any liability, for injuries or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by anyone by reason of the said purpose above. The Renter shall pay for any and all damages to the property of the Town, or loss or theft of such property, done or caused by any and all persons during the term of the rental agreement.